

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 8, 11, 13, 24, 29, 30-31, 33-34 and 36 have been amended. Claims 6-7, 9, 17-19, 23, 25-27 and 35 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-5, 8, 10-16, 20-22, 24, 28-34 and 36 are now presented for examination.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

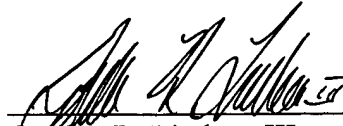
Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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